GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICES OF ONIONS
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been heavy fluctuation in the prices of Onions due to variation in its production;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to start the import-export of onions to minimise the fluctuation in the prices; and

(c) if so, the time by which the same is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The prices of onion after remaining sluggish for past few months, showed an upward trend from mid October, 2000 due to seasonal factors.

(b)&(c): Prices of onion are monitored regularly and all necessary steps are taken, including use of instruments of trade, to minimize the abnormal fluctuation in the prices.